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Special Conflicts Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Sears Holdings Corporation, et al.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

	v	
In re:	: :	Chapter 11
SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION, et al.,	:	Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)
Debtors ¹	:	(Jointly Administered)
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TWENTIETH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF HERRICK, FEINSTEIN LLP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND DISBURSEMENTS INCURRED AS SPECIAL CONFLICTS COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JULY 31, 2021

LLC (9022); SHC Licensed Business LLC (3718); SHC Promotions LLC (9626); Sears Brands Management Corporation (5365); and SRE Holding Corporation (4816). The location of the Debtors' corporate headquarters is

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification

3333 Beverly Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60179

number, are as follows: Sears Holdings Corporation (0798); Kmart Holding Corporation (3116); Kmart Operations LLC (6546); Sears Operations LLC (4331); Sears, Roebuck and Co. (0680); ServiceLive Inc. (6774); A&E Factory Service, LLC (6695); A&E Home Delivery, LLC (0205); A&E Lawn & Garden, LLC (5028); A&E Signature Service, LLC (0204); FBA Holdings Inc. (6537); Innovel Solutions, Inc. (7180); Kmart Corporation (9500); MaxServ, Inc. (7626); Private Brands, Ltd. (4022); Sears Development Co. (6028); Sears Holdings Management Corporation (2148); Sears Home & Business Franchises, Inc. (6742); Sears Home Improvement Products, Inc. (8591); Sears Insurance Services, L.L.C. (7182); Sears Procurement Services, Inc. (2859); Sears Protection Company (1250); Sears Protection Company (PR) Inc. (4861); Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. (0535); Sears, Roebuck de Puerto Rico, Inc. (3626); SYW Relay LLC (1870); Wally Labs LLC (None); Big Beaver of Florida Development, LLC (None); California Builder Appliances, Inc. (6327); Florida Builder Appliances, Inc. (9133); KBL Holding Inc. (1295); KLC, Inc. (0839); Kmart of Michigan, Inc. (1696); Kmart of Washington LLC (8898); Kmart Stores of Illinois LLC (8897); Kmart Stores of Texas LLC (8915); MyGofer LLC (5531); Sears Brands Business Unit Corporation (4658); Sears Holdings Publishing Company, LLC. (5554); Sears Protection Company (Florida), L.L.C. (4239); SHC Desert Springs, LLC (None); SOE, Inc. (9616); StarWest, LLC (5379); STI Merchandising, Inc. (0188); Troy Coolidge No. 13, LLC (None); BlueLight.com, Inc. (7034); Sears Brands, L.L.C. (4664); Sears Buying Services, Inc. (6533); Kmart.com

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Name of Applicant: Herrick, Feinstein LLP

Authorized to Provide Professional Services To: Special Conflicts Counsel to the Official

Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Sears Holdings Corporation, *et al*.

Date of Retention: March 22, 2019 *nunc pro tunc* to January

2, 2019

Period for Which Compensation and July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021

Reimbursement Is Sought:

Monthly Fees Incurred: \$31,094.50

20% Holdback: \$6,218.90

Total Compensation Less 20% Holdback: \$24,875.60

Monthly Expenses Incurred: \$30,040.66

Total Fees and Expenses Requested: \$54,916.26

This is a \underline{x} monthly $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ interim $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ final application

Herrick Feinstein LLP ("Herrick Feinstein"), special conflicts counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Creditors' Committee") of Sears Holding Corporation and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), hereby respectfully submits this statement of fees and disbursements (the "Twentieth Combined Monthly Fee Statement") covering the period from July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021 (the "Compensation Period") in accordance with the Order Authorizing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals (the "Interim Compensation Order") [ECF No. 796]. By the Twentieth Combined Monthly Fee Statement, and after taking into account certain voluntary discounts and reductions, Herrick Feinstein requests (a) interim allowance and payment of compensation in the amount of \$24,875.60 (80% of \$31,094.50) for fees on account of reasonable and necessary professional services rendered to the Creditors' Committee by Herrick

Feinstein, and (b) reimbursement of actual and necessary costs and expenses in the amount of \$30,040.66 incurred by Herrick Feinstein during the Compensation Period.

FEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE COMPENSATION PERIOD

Exhibit A sets forth a timekeeper summary that includes the respective names, positions, department, bar admissions, hourly billing rates and aggregate hours spent by each Herrick Feinstein professional and paraprofessional that provided services to the Creditors' Committee during the Compensation Period. The rates charged by Herrick Feinstein for services rendered to the Creditors' Committee are the same rates that Herrick Feinstein charges generally for professional services rendered to its non-bankruptcy clients.

Exhibit B sets forth a task code summary that includes the aggregate hours per task code spent by Herrick Feinstein professionals and paraprofessionals in rendering services to the Creditors' Committee during the Compensation Period.

Exhibit C sets forth a complete itemization of tasks performed by Herrick Feinstein professional and paraprofessionals that provided services to the Creditors' Committee during the Compensation Period.

EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE COMPENSATION PERIOD

Exhibit D sets for a disbursement summary that includes the aggregate expenses, organized by general disbursement categories, incurred by Herrick Feinstein in connection with services rendered to the Creditors' Committee during the Compensation Period.

Exhibit E sets forth a complete itemization of disbursements incurred by Herrick Feinstein in connection with services rendered to the Creditors' Committee during the Compensation Period.

NOTICE AND OBJECTION PROCEDURES

Notice of this Twentieth Combined Monthly Fee Statement shall be given by hand or overnight delivery or email where available upon (i) Sears Holdings Corporation, 3333 Beverly Hoffman Illinois 60179, Attention: Road, Estates, Mohsin Y. Meghji mmeghji@miiipartners.com); (ii) counsel to the Debtors, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10153, Attention: Ray C. Schrock (email: ray.schrock@weil.com), Jacqueline (email:jacqueline.marcus@weil.com), Marcus Garrett A. Fail (email: garrettlail@weil.com), and Sunny Singh (email: sunny.singh@weil.com); (iii) William K. Harrington, the United States Trustee, U.S. Federal Office Building, 201 Varick Street, Suite 1006, New York, NY 10014, Attention: Paul Schwartzberg (e-mail: paul.schwartzberg@usdoj.gov) and Richard Morrissey (e-mail: richard.morrissey@usdoj.gov); (iv) counsel to Bank of America, N.A., Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, 4 Times Square, New York, NY 10036, Attention: Paul (email:paul.leake@skadden.com), D. Leake Shana Elberg A. (email: shana.elberg@skadden.com) and George R. Howard (email: george.howard@skadden.com); (v) E. Harner, fee examiner, 1675 Broadway, New York, NY 10019 (e-mail: Paul harnerp@ballardspahr.com); (vi) counsel to the fee examiner, Ballard Spahr LLP, 1675 Broadway, New York, NY 10019, Attention: Vincent J. Marriott (e-mail: marriott@ballardspahr.com) and Tobey M. Daluz (e-mail: dalurt@ballardspahr.com); and (vi) counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, NY 10036, Attention: Philip C. Dublin (email: pdublin@akingump.com), Ira S. Dizengoff (email: idizengoff@akingump.com) and Sara Lynne Brauner (email: sbrauner@akingump.com), (collectively, the "Notice Parties").

Objections to this Twentieth Combined Monthly Fee Statement, if any, must be filed with the Court and served upon the Notice Parties so as to be received no later than **September 16**,

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2021 (the "Objection Deadline"), setting forth the nature of the objection and the amount of fees or expenses at issue (an "Objection").

If no objections to this Twentieth Combined Monthly Fee Statement are filed and served as set forth above, the Debtors shall promptly pay eighty percent (80%) of the fees and one hundred percent (100%) of the expenses identified herein.

If an objection to this Twentieth Combined Monthly Fee Statement is received on or before the Objection Deadline, the Debtors shall withhold payment of that portion of this Twentieth Combined Monthly Fee Statement to which the objection is directed and promptly pay the remainder of the fees and disbursements in the percentages set forth above. To the extent such an objection is not resolved, it shall be preserved and scheduled for consideration at the next interim fee application hearing to be heard by the Court.

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Dated: New York, New York September 1, 2021

HERRICK FEINSTEIN LLP

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Exhibit A

Timekeeper Summary

PARTNERS	DEPARTMENT	YEAR OF BAR ADMISSION	RATE	HOURS	AMOUNT
Christopher W. Carty	Restructuring & Finance Litigation	2010	\$850.00	6.6	\$5,610.00
Sean O'Donnell	Restructuring & Finance Litigation	1998	\$1075.00	4.5	\$4,837.50
Total Partners				11.1	\$10,447.50
COUNSEL	DEPARTMENT	YEAR OF BAR ADMISSION	RATE	HOURS	AMOUNT
Kyle J. Kolb	Restructuring & Finance Litigation	2012	\$690.00	26.3	\$18,147.00
Total Counsel				26.3	\$18,147.00

PARALEGALS/ NON- LEGAL STAFF	DEPARTMENT	RATE	HOURS	AMOUNT
Linda Schepp	Restructuring & Finance Litigation	\$350.00	6.8	\$2,380.00
Total Paralegals/ Non- Legal Staff			6.8	\$2,380.00

E-Discovery and Litigation Support Services				\$120.00
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EXHIBIT B

Task Code Summary

Task Code	HOURS	AMOUNT (\$)
Fee/Employment Applications – B160	.5	\$537.50
Other Contested Matters – B190	43.20	\$29,899.50
Case Administration – B110	.8	\$657.50
Total	44.50	\$31,094.50

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Exhibit C

Itemized Fees



Unpaid balance from previous invoice(s)

Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Sears Holdings August 23, 2021 Attn: Ron Tucker Invoice Number: 550688 225 W. Washington Street Matter Number: 19609.0001 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Tax ID: 1662

Re: Sears Bankruptcy

Fees for legal services rendered through July 31, 2021 \$31,094.50

Expenses posted through July 31, 2021 30,040.66

\$61,135.16 TOTAL

Total Due Now \$77,104.56

INVOICE PAYMENT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT. THANK YOU.

Kindly return this page with your check payment to: Herrick, Feinstein LLP

2 Park Avenue New York, NY 10016 Send wire or ACH payments to: Citibank, N.A.

ABA Number: 0089 Account Number: 6165

SWIFT #:

Credit card payments: www.herrickpay.com URL/link redirects to our

\$15,969.40

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Invoice Number: 550688 Matter Number: 19609.0001

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LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED:

<u>Date</u>	N AME	TASK CODE	<u>Narrative</u>	<u>Hours</u>
07/01/21	C. Carty	B190	Revise draft memo to UCC regarding MTN investigation (1.2); review and analyze draft affidavits (0.9).	2.10
07/01/21	S. O'Donnell	B190	Review/comment on updated memo; confer w/ team re same; confer w/ Akin re same.	1.00
07/01/21	K. Kolb	B190	Further drafting of affidavit.	1.40
07/01/21	K. Kolb	B190	Revise and finalize memo to committee.	0.60
07/07/21	K. Kolb	B190	Analyze commentary on memo update to UCC.	0.10
07/08/21	C. Carty	B190	Revise cover email to UCC regarding memorandum and recommendations in MTN investigation.	0.80
07/08/21	S. O'Donnell	B110	Revise Committee memo.	0.50
07/08/21	K. Kolb	B190	Finalize memo to UCC regarding investigation.	0.90
07/08/21	L. Schepp	B190	Finalize documents cited in UCC Memo in preparation for attorney review.	0.80
07/13/21	C. Carty	B190	Prepare for UCC call re MTN investigation; review and revise draft outline for call.	2.30
07/13/21	K. Kolb	B190	Draft bullets on investigation status and claims based on review of memo and case law.	5.00
07/14/21	C. Carty	B190	Prepare for presentation to UCC regarding MTN investigation and participate in pre-call with Herrick and CMRA teams (0.7); participate in presentation to UCC regarding MTN investigation and prepare for same (0.7).	1.40
07/14/21	S. O'Donnell	B190	Pre-call w/ team and experts; prep for committee presentation; conduct same.	2.50
07/14/21	K. Kolb	B190	Prepare for presentation to UCC regarding investigation.	1.30
07/14/21	K. Kolb	B190	Attend prep call with experts regarding damages.	0.60
07/14/21	K. Kolb	B190	Revise committee bullets based on pre-call.	1.20
07/14/21	K. Kolb	B190	Attend call with UCC regarding investigation update.	0.70
07/14/21	K. Kolb	B190	Revise participant affidavits and circulate to CMRA for input.	0.90
07/16/21	K. Kolb	B190	Revise memo comparing allegations to other bankruptcy case.	0.90
07/19/21	S. O'Donnell	B160	Coordinate complaint drafting.	0.50
07/19/21	K. Kolb	B190	Revise affidavits and agreement and draft complaint.	4.90
07/19/21	L. Schepp	B190	Update ISDA documents collected for attorney review.	0.80
07/20/21	K. Kolb	B190	Revise affidavits and complaint and analyze auction rules and results.	2.40



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		<u>Task</u>		
DATE	N AME	CODE	Narrative	Hours
07/20/21	K. Kolb	B190	Revise affidavit to incorporate expert feedback.	0.50
07/20/21	L. Schepp	B190	Create searches for documents relating to Jefferies in preparation for attorney review.	2.90
07/21/21	K. Kolb	B190	Revise further to incorporate additional feedback.	1.30
07/21/21	K. Kolb	B190	Call with expert regarding damages theories.	0.40
07/21/21	L. Schepp	B190	Compile various proffers into a chronology in preparation for attorney review.	2.30
07/23/21	K. Kolb	B190	Further analysis of proposed edits to declaration.	0.20
07/23/21	K. Kolb	B190	Analyze proposed edits to declaration.	0.30
07/24/21	K. Kolb	B190	Incorporate feedback into draft declaration.	1.00
07/26/21	K. Kolb	B190	Revise declarations in connection with investigation.	1.40
07/26/21	K. Kolb	B190	Draft proposed stipulation regarding claims.	0.30

\$30,974.50

TOTAL

LEGAL SERVICES SUMMARY

<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
C. Carty	6.60	850.00	5,610.00
K. Kolb	26.30	690.00	18,147.00
S. O'Donnell	4.50	1,075.00	4,837.50
L. Schepp	6.80	350.00	2,380.00
TOTAL	44.20		\$30,974.50

E-DISCOVERY & LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES

Data processing 120.00

TOTAL \$120.00

TOTAL LEGAL SERVICES \$31,094.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

	AMOUNT
Duplication	222.40
E-Discovery Data Hosting	100.00
Expert Witness Fees	29,605.00



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AMOUNT

Online Research
Pacer Charges
13.80
Postage & Shipping
63.72

TOTAL: \$30,040.66

TASK SUMMARY

Task Code	Task Description	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
B110	Case Administration	0.80	657.50
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	0.50	537.50
B190	Other Contested Matters	43.20	29,899.50
TOTALS		44.50	\$31,094.50

PREVIOUS BILLS OUTSTANDING

Invoice #	Invoice Date	<u>Original</u>	Less Credits Applied	<u>Balance</u>
		<u>Amount</u>		
356647	07/16/20	62,817.18	60,748.68	2,068.50
544217	03/25/21	4,063.00	4,062.80	0.20
545915	04/30/21	9,632.00	7,725.60	1,906.40
546768	05/25/21	19,600.60	15,701.90	3,898.70
547628	06/16/21	16,306.66	13,058.76	3,247.90
549157	07/19/21	24,438.50	19,590.80	4,847.70

Total Outstanding \$15,969.40

<u>Exhibit D</u> Disbursement Summary

E-Discovery Data Hosting	\$100.00
Duplication	\$222.40
Expert Witness Fees	\$29,605.00
Online Research	\$35.74
Pacer Charges	\$13.80
Postage & Shipping	\$63.72
Total	\$30,040.66

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Exhibit E

Itemized Disbursement

Disbursement Detail

Applied filterssss: Matter: Official Committee of Unsecured Creditor (19609) Sears Bankruptcy (0001), Transaction Date: From 2021-07-01 To 2021-08-01

Disbursement ID	† Client/Matter	Transaction Date Disb Code	Quantity	To Bill Amount Phase/Task \$30,040.66	Narrative	Bill Number	Base Quantity	Billed Quantity	Base Amount	Billed Amount Posted Period \$30,040.66	Billed Period	Bill Date
9263072	Official Committee of Unsec Sears Bankruptcy (0001)	7/8/2021 Duplicating Supplies (020)	164	\$19.68 Expenses Only (EXP.EXP) Expenses Only	Ш	550688	164	164	\$19.68	\$19.68 202107	202108	8/23/2021
9263079	Official Committee of Unsec Sears Bankruptcy (0001)	7/8/2021 Color Duplicating (036)	64	\$14.08 Expenses Only (EXP.EXP) Expenses Only	Ш	550688	64	64	\$14.08	\$14.08 202107	202108	8/23/2021
9263192	Official Committee of Unsec Sears Bankruptcy (0001)	7/8/2021 Printing - blowback (089)	1,048	\$188.64 Expenses Only (EXP.EXP) Expenses Only	Ш	550688	1,048	1,048	\$188.64	\$188.64 202107	202108	8/23/2021
9264413	Official Committee of Unsec Sears Bankruptcy (0001)	7/1/2021 Online research - West (075)	1	\$35.74 Expenses Only (EXP.EXP) Expenses Only	Vendor: West Group - 0	GSI Pa 550688	1	1	\$35.74	\$35.74 202107	202108	8/23/2021
9268171	Official Committee of Unsec Sears Bankruptcy (0001)	7/19/2021 Shipping (013)	0	\$21.24 Expenses Only (EXP.EXP) Expenses Only	Vendor: Federal Expres	s; Inv 550688	0	0	\$21.24	\$21.24 202107	202108	8/23/2021
9268172	Official Committee of Unsec Sears Bankruptcy (0001)	7/19/2021 Shipping (013)	0	\$21.24 Expenses Only (EXP.EXP) Expenses Only	Vendor: Federal Expres	s; Inv 550688	0	0	\$21.24	\$21.24 202107	202108	8/23/2021
9268173	Official Committee of Unsec Sears Bankruptcy (0001)	7/19/2021 Shipping (013)	0	\$21.24 Expenses Only (EXP.EXP) Expenses Only	Vendor: Federal Expres	s; Inv 550688	0	0	\$21.24	\$21.24 202107	202108	8/23/2021
9268846	Official Committee of Unsec Sears Bankruptcy (0001)	7/31/2021 E-Discovery Data Hosting Mi	1	\$100.00 Expenses Only (EXP.EXP) Expenses Only	Sears Bankruptcy UCC	- Rul€ 550688	1	1	\$100.00	\$100.00 202107	202108	8/23/2021
9269226	Official Committee of Unsec Sears Bankruptcy (0001)	7/8/2021 Pacer charges (074)	1	\$13.80 Expenses Only (EXP.EXP) Expenses Only	Vendor: Pacer Service	Cente: 550688	1	1	\$13.80	\$13.80 202108	202108	8/23/2021
9270793	Official Committee of Unsec Sears Bankruptcy (0001)	8/1/2021 Expert Witness Fees (026)	0	\$29,605.00 Expenses Only (EXP.EXP) Expenses Only	Vendor: Capital Market	Risk / 550688	0	0	\$29,605.00	\$29,605.00 202108	202108	8/23/2021



Invoice ID: 2021-00307 Account number: 26

Project Id: 26

Invoice date: August 1, 2021

Capital Market Risk Advisors 4851 Tamiami Trail North Suite 243 Naples, FL 34103 Attn: Accounting

Kyle Kolb

Herrick Feinstein LLP 2 Park Avenue New York, NY 10016

Invoice Total	\$29,605.00

See attached spreadsheet for invoice specification.

NAME	AVERAGE RATE	TOTAL HOURS	TOTAL AMOUNT
Niculescu	1,250.00	16.6	20,750.00
lacono	1,150.00	7.7	8,855.00
Grand Total		24.3	\$29,605.00

Please remit payment with the statement number to Capital Market Risk Advisors at the address listed above or via wire. Contact QBTeam@advancedprofessional.net for wire instructions.